

Kenneth M. Mead

Inspector General

United States Department of Transportation

Kenneth M. Mead has served as the Department of Transportation (DOT) Inspector General since he was nominated by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in May 1997. Prior to becoming Inspector General, he served for 22 years with the U.S. Government Accountability Office, Congress's investigative arm, where he held the position of Deputy Assistant Comptroller General for Policy, after having been the Director of Transportation and Telecommunications Issues and Senior Attorney.

Mr. Mead is a member of the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency (PCIE), charged with addressing cross-cutting government management issues. He is also a member of the Comptroller General's Domestic Accountability Working Group, which seeks to enhance accountability and collaboration among audit organizations at all levels of government.

The DOT Inspector General is mandated to keep the Secretary and Congress informed of the effectiveness and efficiency of DOT programs and operations through issuance of audit reports and management advisories containing findings and recommendations. From the beginning of his tenure in mid-1997, OIG has issued over 800 audit reports, which have identified almost \$6.5 billion that could have been better used.

The Inspector General also conducts investigations into fraud, waste, and abuse and has authority to refer suspected criminal violations to the Attorney General. Under Mr. Mead's leadership, OIG investigations have resulted in over 2,000 indictments, 1,400 convictions, and more than \$255 million in fines, restitutions, and recoveries.

Mr. Mead is frequently invited to testify before committees of Congress, and since 1997 has testified over 200 times on major transportation



issues, including: the oversight and effectiveness of our aviation, highway, railroad, and pipeline safety programs; efforts to mitigate flight delays and congestion; bringing fiscal discipline to FAA's air traffic control modernization program; exercising stewardship over large highway and transit infrastructure projects to protect taxpayer investments and maximize use of available funds; the future structure and funding of intercity passenger rail service; strengthening controls over MARAD's Title XI shipbuilding loan guarantee program, and; implementing sound financial management and accountability measures to ensure DOT funds are spent efficiently. Mr. Mead testified numerous times before Congress and also the 9/11 Commission on the state of aviation security prior to the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Mr. Mead received his baccalaureate degree from Southern Connecticut University and his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina. He is an alumnus of the Executive Excellence Program at the Federal Executive Institute and the Harvard Senior Policy Fellows Program.

Mr. Mead received the GAO Distinguished Service Award, Meritorious Service Award, and promotion to the rank of Meritorious Executive in the Senior Executive Service. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the Federal Bar Association, and the Association of Government Accountants and is active in the American Numismatic Association.

A veteran of the U.S. Naval Submarine Service, Mr. Mead resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughters, Jennifer and Hillary.